Discussion regarding Indo-Iran gas pipeline

4252. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he discussed with the Government of Pakistan during his recent visit to that country, the prospects of laying Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Issues concerning Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project, namely, project structure, transportation tariff and transit fee for passage of gas through Pakistan, were discussed in the meeting between India and Pakistan held in Islamabad, Pakistan on April 25, 2008. There was agreement on the principles on which bilateral agreement will be concluded on the above issues.

Implementation of Supreme Court's directive

4253. SHRI PRAVEEN RASTRAPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Supreme Court Judgement in the Case No. I.A. 10 in Civil Appeal No. 6607 of 2005, ONGC (appellant) v/s Engineering Mazdoor Sangh (respondent);

(b) how much time the ONGC requires to implement the directive of Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(c) who is responsible for delay; and

(d) why such delay inspite of clear verdict from the Hon'ble Supreme Court?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) While passing the order in IA No. 10/2007 in Civil Appeal No. 6607 of 2005 on 08/02/2008, the Honourable Supreme Court has clarified the directions given by it contained in judgement and Order dated 20/11/2006 by indicating that as far as 153 workmen are concerned, the eligibility criteria in their cases would be as was existing on the date of Tribunal Judgement dated 6th June, 1994.

Further, it was also clarified that as far as age bar is concerned, since 153 workmen had not been given any further employment for 240 days after the judgement of the Tribunal, condition regarding relaxation of age bar by giving one year's relaxation to further 240 days would apply in their cases.

(b) ONGC has already initiated necessary action and will be implementing within the framework of the directions. Court has given two years time since 20/11/06.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Production of Oil

4254. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the areas where oil drilling is currently going on;